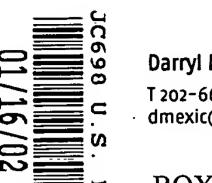
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Kazuya KUBO, Toshio TAKAHASHI, Hideaki ITO and

Toshiki KABUTOMORI

HIGH-CAPACITY HYDROGEN STORAGE ALLOY AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

Assignee: THE JAPAN STEEL WORKS, LTD.

Our Ref. Q68120

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-two (22) sheets of the specification including the claims and abstract, eleven (11) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4	- 20	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$.00
Independent claims	2	- 3	==	x	\$84.00	=	\$.00
Base Fee			-				\$740.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$740.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$780.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country Application No Filing Date

Japan 2001-008788 January 17, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Attorpeys for Applicant

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